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SPECIFIC- Hasan DOSTI Letter to Nexhat PESHKOPIJA

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1. The offices of the National Committee for a Free Albania (NCFA) were recently transferred from Via Lima 41 to Via Ruggiero di Sicilia 21, Rome. The move was due to reasons of economy since the monthly rent at the former premises was 145,000 lire as against 85,000 for the new.
2. In a letter to Nexhat PESHKOPIJA, dated 12 December 1954, Hasan DOSTI informed his direct collaborators that the Americans attach great importance to the recent Moscow pact, according to which Albania and the other countries of the Eastern bloc are considered allies of Russia with equal rights. DOSTI stated that the Department of State, convinced of the strategic importance of Albania in the Mediterranean, fears that small nation may serve as bait to provoke an armed conflict in Europe and is therefore studying a series of military measures to counter possible Russian aggression. DOSTI added that he is closely following Washington's policy with respect to Albania and that he will not fail to take any favorable occasion to offer to Poder DULES the services of NCFA leaders for a more efficacious collaboration.
3. DOSTI promised to keep his collaborators informed on the developments of American policy in the Balkans and urged his collaborators "not to reveal any political information to the English agents, Abas MUFTI and Said KRYEKU".
4. Field Comment: The above is a free translation of an unnumbered [] report, whose source is described only as "Fonte fiduciaria attendibile". The source may be []

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